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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBOPUS/PSYCH

SPECIFIC— P/W Activities Report, 16 April Through 15 May 1954

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Headquarters' Action Required

None. For information and file only.

Synopsis

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HTGRUBBY program content.  
Transmission, reception and effect  
of HTGRUBBY within Albania.  
Leaflet information.  
P/W intelligence.  
Personnel.

Account of developments

1. Program Content

External news stressed included the defection of Petrov and Kholkov, Malenkov's speech prior to the Geneva conference and news about the Geneva conference itself.

Internal news stressed included the decision of the Tirana court on the Apple Team members, appeals to the enlightened and repentent members of the Albanian Communist Party, May Day in Albania, and comments on the false statistics continually being given out by the Communist regime. Most of HTGRUBBY's effort is slanted toward inducing at least spiritual defection among the Albanian Communists since it is believed they comprise the vast majority of HTGRUBBY's audience.

In addition, the staff is continuing to prepare at least two messages to our fighters for freedom per month. The phrase in the instructions to the people which urged them to help only HTGRUBBY fighters for freedom has been removed because of objections from the Greeks.

2. HTGRUBBY Transmission

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2. HTGRUBBY Transmission

A new program script is prepared every other day, although each program is repeated the next day so that HTGRUBBY continues to broadcast four times daily over two different frequencies simultaneously, as well as two or more repetitions of each program immediately after the regularly scheduled transmission .

3. Reception and Effect of HTGRUBBY within Albania

No new monitoring reports have been received from Bari probably because the decision to discontinue that monitoring service has gone into effect, but [ ] monitoring report from Ioannina on his spot checking of some of the morning and afternoon programs show the reception is quite good in that locality.

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On 12 May Enver Hoxha, in his speech in the People's Theatre, paid/a left handed compliment by saying the "propaganda of VOA and Identity (1) was ridiculous." In addition, according to AIPOET, a recent refugee from Tirana now living in Athens, Giannis Stefanis, told him that HTGRUBBY was heard regularly in Tirana.

4. OBKEEK, Article Drops, and Spot Leaflets

The April OBKEEK was the first full size OBKEEK completely prepared at this station, and 125,000 copies were printed and dropped into Albania as reported in our OBTUSE report. In addition, the load included Needle Leaflets and 300 small envelopes containing soap and scarves.

The May OBKEEK has also been prepared and is presently being printed. It is hoped close to 200,000 copies will be ready for a drop sometime after the 19th of this month.

Also in various stages of preparation are a small Albanian Army spot leaflet; a message of hope and courage to the Albanian people printed on envelopes into which will be inserted the packages containing soap, razor blades, needles, thread, etc., which were purchased from Germany some time ago, and the June OBKEEK.

5. Psychological Warfare Intelligence and other Support Activities

[ ] reports that his P/W interrogation activities are quite restricted largely by the Greek authorities in Ioannina, and to some extent by his other operational duties. Consequently in the future all P/W interrogations will be made by AIBEAT and the HTGRUBBY staff in Athens.

Mainly to test the willingness of the Greek authorities to allow Northern Epirote refugees to come to Athens for interrogation, [ ] was asked to bring Mitro Goro, a low-level refugee, from Ioannina to Athens. We were pleased with

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the rapid service by the Greeks in getting Goro to Athens, and we are hopeful the Greeks will be as prompt with any high level Orthodox Christian refugees that may come out in the future. Goro, as expected, did not have too much information to offer other than some interesting information on recent sabotage activities and some damaging information on Vasil Kati, former Albanian Minister of Trade and the present Deputy Minister of Trade concerning his regular receipts of checks from his father and brothers in the United States.

AIPOET recently accidentally met Giannis Stefanis (U.N. 1098), a recent refugee from Tirana now living with his uncle here. He was able to find out that Giannis had escaped with two other youths, Spiros Georgjio and Georgos Rondos, who are now also living in Athens, and arrangements are being made for their interrogation here.

#### 6. Personnel

With RNADUANA unable to produce much because of poor health, and the necessity of getting frequent treatments and medical check-ups, the burden of the work falls on AIPOET and [ ] RNADUANA should be hospitalized, but he feels obligated to remain until another individual arrives for duty on the HTGRUBBY staff, and to his credit he continues to produce as much as his limited talents and health allow. However, no reply has yet been received on AICADE's willingness to come to Athens on a salary reduced from that originally offered him. Although it is always possible to further reduce the number of HTGRUBBY scripts prepared, the fact is that the propaganda output has already been cut by one half since only one new HTGRUBBY program is prepared for every two days, and in addition OBKEEK which used to be printed twice per month is now being printed only once per month. Hence we are forced to cut down on other work such as script translations until additional personnel can be added to the staff.

Attachment under separate cover  
Identity (1)

19 May 1954

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